

issue of the nutrition and hydration and it would amend language that was offered by Senator Morehead the first time that we debated LB 88. And I did not have this printed, Mr. Clerk? I apologize for that. I would ask that a Page come over and I will get this copied so that we can hand it out to the body. But the issue is basically, as the Clerk laid out for you, it says on page 7, after...on line 7, after "not" if you will open your book, we're dealing with the rights of the...subsection (3), the rights of the Terminally Ill Act shall not, and it adds language, "affect the responsibility of the attending physician or other health care provider to provide treatment, including nutrition and hydration for a patient's comfort care or alleviation of pain." And all it does is it spells out and strikes the remaining language, it just spells out the issue of the physician's...the attending physician or health care provider's responsibility of alleviating the comfort and care and the alleviation of pain and it spells it out in a very simple manner. It deals with the issue of nutrition and hydration and I think it's a better way to deal with that issue and we are having copies made right now and they will be passed out and I will walk this one back to the introducers of the bill. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Labedz, you would still like to talk to the bill? Thank you. Senator Morehead, would you care to speak to the Hall amendment? Senator Landis, on deck.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Well, Mr. President and colleagues, it is difficult to take an amendment which you have never seen before and realizing that everything in this particular legislation is very sensitive and could possibly have effects that in the first glance you don't have the opportunity to think about and know. It is not that I am opposed to this concept but I think this particular amendment is completely redundant to what we already have adopted in the legislation which clearly, to me, states that the Terminally Ill Act shall not prohibit any action on the part of the physician, that is silent, including the provision of hydration and nutrition. And I believe we already have this stated and I don't, you know, so I guess at this point I would just oppose the amendment because I do believe it's a redundancy.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Landis.